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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 5, 16, and 21 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3-4, 8, 10-11, 14-15, 17-20, 22, 24, 26, 30-31, and 33-36 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A biometric configuration management system, comprising:
a biometric sensor module for receiving biometric data associated with a user;
a database storing registered biometric data associated with a plurality of registered biometrics of the user, configuration data associated with a plurality of communication network configuration settings, and relational data relating each of the plurality of registered biometrics with corresponding ones of the communication network configuration settings;
and
a configuration module adapted to automatically select one of the a-communication network configuration settings for a device based on the received biometric data and the relational data, wherein the configuration module is adapted to display an interface to the user identifying a particular registered biometric associated with the selected communication network configuration setting.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the selected communication network configuration setting comprises at least one of the group consisting of a local area network (LAN) configuration setting, a wide area network (WAN) configuration setting, a personal area network (PAN) configuration setting and a virtual private network (VPN) configuration setting.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the configuration module is adapted to automatically switch the device to the selected communication network configuration setting from another communication network configuration setting based on the received biometric data and the relational data.

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5-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the biometric data comprises at least one of the group consisting of a fingerprint scan biometric, a voice scan biometric, a facial feature biometric, and an eye scan biometric.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the configuration module is adapted to receive a selection from the user of one of the communication network configuration settings to associate with a corresponding the biometric of the user data.

9. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the configuration module is adapted to display an interface to the user identifying registered biometrics.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the configuration module is adapted to request from the user a particular biometric to associate with one of the communication network configuration settings.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 1, wherein the selected communication network configuration setting comprises a wireless network configuration setting.

12. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the received biometric data comprises a plurality of simultaneously input biometrics.

13. (Original) The system of Claim 1, wherein the received biometric data comprises a plurality of sequentially input biometrics.

14. (Currently Amended) A biometric configuration management system, comprising:
means for receiving biometric data from a user;
means for storing registered biometric data associated with a plurality of registered biometrics of the user, configuration data associated with a plurality of communication network configuration settings, and relational data relating each of the plurality of registered

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biometrics with corresponding ones of the communication network configuration settings;
and

means for automatically selecting one of the communication network configuration settings for a device based on the received biometric data and the relational data, wherein the configuration module is adapted to display an interface to the user identifying a particular registered biometric associated with the selected communication network configuration setting.

15. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 14, further comprising means for identifying to the user a particular registered biometric associated with the selected communication network configuration setting.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 14, further comprising means for automatically switching the device to the selected communication network configuration setting from another communication network configuration setting based on the received biometric data and the relational data.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 14, further comprising means for requesting from the user a particular biometric to associate with one of the communication network configuration settings.

19. (Currently Amended) A biometric configuration management method, comprising:
receiving biometric data from a user;
storing registered biometric data associated with a plurality of registered biometrics of the user, configuration data associated with a plurality of communication network configuration settings, and relational data relating each of the plurality of registered biometrics with corresponding ones of the communication network configuration settings;
and

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automatically selecting one of the communication network configuration settings for a device based on the received biometric data and the relational data, wherein the configuration module is adapted to display an interface to the user identifying a particular registered biometric associated with the selected communication network configuration setting.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 19, further comprising identifying to the user a particular biometric associated with the selected communication network configuration setting.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 19, further comprising automatically switching the device to the selected communication network configuration setting from another communication network configuration setting based on the received biometric data and the relational data.

23. (Original) The method of Claim 19, wherein receiving biometric data comprises receiving at least one of the group consisting of fingerprint scan biometric data, voice scan biometric data, facial feature biometric data, and eye scan biometric data.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 19, further comprising requesting a selection from the user of one of the communication network configuration settings to associate with ~~the~~ a corresponding biometric of the user data.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 19, further comprising requesting from the user a particular biometric to associate with one of the communication network configuration settings.

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27. (Original) The method of Claim 19, wherein automatically selecting a communication network configuration setting comprises automatically selecting a wireless communication network configuration setting.
28. (Original) The method of Claim 19, wherein receiving biometric data comprises receiving a plurality of simultaneously input biometrics.
29. (Original) The method of Claim 19, wherein receiving biometric data comprises receiving a plurality of sequentially input biometrics.
30. (Currently Amended) A biometric configuration management system, comprising:
a biometric sensor module adapted to receive biometric data associated with a user of a device;
a database storing registered biometric data associated with a plurality of registered biometrics of the user, configuration data associated with a plurality of communication network configuration settings, and relational data relating each of the plurality of registered biometrics with corresponding ones of the communication network configuration settings;
and
a configuration module adapted to associate ~~a one of the~~ communication network configuration settings for the device with the received biometric data, store the received biometric data as registered biometric data, and store relational data relating the registered biometrics of the received biometric data with the associated one of the communication network configuration settings, wherein the configuration module is adapted to display an interface to the user identifying a particular biometric associated with a corresponding ~~the~~ communication network configuration setting.
31. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 30, wherein the configuration module is adapted to receive a selection from the user of one of the communication network configuration settings to associate with a corresponding ~~the~~ biometric of the user data.
32. (Cancelled)

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33. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 30, wherein the configuration module is adapted to display a plurality of available communication network configuration settings to the user for associating with the corresponding biometrics of the user-data.

34. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 30, wherein the configuration module is adapted to associate with one of the communication network configuration settings at least one of the group consisting of a fingerprint scan biometric, a voice scan biometric, a facial feature biometric, and an eye scan biometric.

35. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 30, wherein the configuration module is adapted to display to the user biometrics registered with particular communication network configuration settings.

36. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 30, wherein the configuration module is adapted to request from the user a particular biometric to associate with a corresponding one of the network configuration settings.

37. (Original) The system of Claim 30, wherein the configuration module is adapted to associate a wireless communication network configuration setting for the device with the biometric data.

38. (Original) The system of Claim 30, wherein the biometric data comprises a plurality of simultaneously input biometrics.

39. (Previously presented) The system of Claim 30, wherein the biometric data comprises a plurality of sequentially input biometrics.